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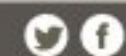
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## SWITCH IT UP

Open streets group calls for more support from city  
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## Shooting probed

NORTH PRESTON

**Police explore  
gang links after  
20-year-old  
seriously hurt**



**Haley  
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Police say they are exploring all leads in a North Preston shooting, including recent raids on a Toronto gang with links to Halifax.

Halifax RCMP Staff Sgt. Dave Thibeau said officers received numerous reports of gunfire early Sunday morning, and found an injured man on Johnson Road in North Preston when they responded to the area around 4 a.m.

The 20-year-old man from the community was found shot and taken to hospital by paramedics. Thibeau said the man came

out of surgery early Sunday afternoon, but still has serious injuries.

It's still "too early to tell" what the shooting was related to, Thibeau said, when asked about possible connections to Toronto raids that reportedly "eradicated" the street gang Heart of a King with 53 arrests in what police called Project Sizzle.

Heart of a King has been involved in murder, weapons and gun trafficking and prostitution, Toronto police said, and evolved out of North Preston's Finest gang. "We'll make a thorough investigation to see what if any links there are," Thibeau said.

Police remained on scene throughout the day Sunday securing and collecting physical evidence, Thibeau said, while a K-9 unit and integrated criminal investigation division were also in attendance.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Halifax RCMP or Crime Stoppers.



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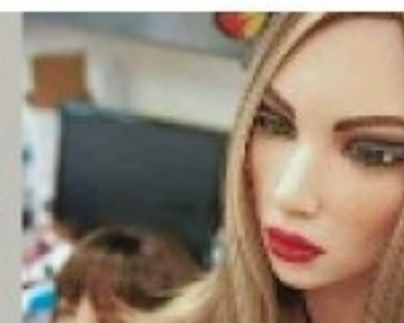


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## 'Perfect' skate park opens

DARTMOUTH

### Boarders welcome chance to ollie, grind closer to home



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

For some Dartmouth skateboarders, this park has been a long time coming.

Andy Sawler, leader of the Dartmouth Skate Coalition, has been advocating for a place to board in Dartmouth since 1987. On Saturday, his hopes became reality as the Dartmouth Skate Park officially opened.

"It has been a surreal experience," said Sawler.

According to Sawler, the location — the Dartmouth Common on Windmill Road — was the "No. 1 pick" for the skate park, but he didn't expect they'd actually get it.

"As it turned out, it was a good match. It's the perfect location



Liam Cook tries out the new Dartmouth Skate Park on Saturday. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

for us," he said.

Sawler added that the first immediate drawings and the construction that followed was very

exciting, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"We've been getting different age groups, different levels of ability (and) people who maybe stopped skateboarding and are now back into it," he said.

Dartmouth councillor Gloria McCluskey was present at the opening. She said the park will be an asset to the community.

"It's just wonderful for Dart-

mouth," she said. "There are kids who skateboard who had to go to Halifax and they can now stay in their own community."

Like Sawler, McCluskey feels the area is an ideal place for the park.

"It's so centrally located. It's next to the bus stop," she said. "It's wide open — that prevents bad things from happening."

There are already spaces

nearby to play tennis, volleyball and basketball. In addition, McCluskey said, a children's playground is on its way. "It's a whole campus-style setting."

McCluskey went on to say that 30 skateboards with pads and helmets will be made available to borrow for kids who don't have their own.

Liam Cook was one of the boarders who came out to take advantage of the half pipes.

"It's great to finally have a skate park in the neighbourhood," said Cook, a Dartmouth resident and member of the Skate Coalition. "A place where I can bring my three-year-old daughter to skate, without streets and things that we would have to worry about."

Although a lot of hard work went into bringing the park to fruition, Cook feels it was worth it.

"(It's) a whole lot better than going to Halifax, especially with the bridge closures now," he continued. "Having something on the Dartmouth side allows everyone in the community to come out."

Cook, who has been skateboarding for about 16 years, sees the benefits of public recreation areas in general.

"People just come out naturally to explore, try and invest some time and get better at something."

HOME INVASION

### Five face charges for robbery

A string of charges have been laid against five people in a Lower Sackville home invasion where a resident was beaten and robbed.

According to a Halifax RCMP release on Sunday, three men and two youths were arrested and charged following an incident on Friday morning where the victim reported waking up to four men pointing guns at him in his Haddad Avenue home.

Later on Friday, police arrested an 18-year-old man. On Friday evening, police arrested two additional men and two male youths.

Jacob Lilly, 18, of Halifax, and a 17-year-old male youth from Tantallon have been charged with: robbery with a firearm, breaking and entering, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, careless use of a firearm, extortion using a firearm, forcible confinement, uttering threats to cause death, pointing a firearm, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and intimidation.

Lilly will reappear on Monday in Dartmouth provincial court.

Roland Wesley, 18, of Halifax and a 17-year-old male youth from Middle Sackville also face similar charges. Wesley will appear in Dartmouth court Monday. Another 18-year-old Lower Sackville man was charged with assault, and was released on a promise to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on July 13. METRO

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# Satirist reposts after legal letter

CEASE AND DESIST

**Brand Review author put story back up with help of lawyer**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A local satirist is reposting a story about Steele Auto Group on Monday, just over a month after a cease and desist letter from the car dealer's lawyer forced him to take it down.

Matt Brand is the author of The Brand Review, a satire site that has been poking fun at local news since February.

In early May, Brand posted a story about the Steele Group buying up homes around Colonial Honda to demolish them and make room for a larger parking lot.

Riffing on the Homes Not Hondas campaign that was started to combat the move by Steele, Brand's story said that Steele had started a Hondas Not Homes group.

As he does with many of his stories, Brand fabricated quotes and attributed them to Rob Steele, the company's owner.

He also made a Facebook page called Hondas Not Homes, but mostly just to screenshot the header for a photo in his story.

"I don't know if it was a matter of them not getting that it was a joke, or they just didn't like the joke," Brand said in an interview on Sunday.

Either way, the night he posted the story, he received a cease and desist letter via email from Steele's lawyer, Nancy Rubin.

A few weeks ago he was put in touch with McInnes



The owners of Colonial Honda on Robie Street were a part of Matt Brand's satirical article. METRO FILE

**"I don't know if it was a matter of them not getting that it was a joke, or they just didn't like the joke. Matt Brand**

Cooper lawyer David Fraser, who agreed to take him on as a client pro bono. The pair sat down and modified the story based on the issues raised in the cease and desist letter.

"I guess we were just trying to find a way to change the story in a way that would satisfy... I won't even say satisfy Steele, just stop them from sending me another cease and

desist letter," Brand said.

Brand said he's reposting the story because he believes he should be free to criticize public figures.

"I think everyday people should be able to voice their concerns without someone with more money being able to come along and just shut them down," he said.

He said he hopes Steele

## The Brand Review

won't send another cease and desist letter, but he can't be sure.

"I never expected to get a cease and desist letter in the

first place, so I don't know what their mindset is," he said.

"I just hope they have a sense of humour about it, or

even if they don't they will realize it's a critique as much as a newspaper column, it's just a different way of presenting it."



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# Making a difference in Dartmouth

## COMMUNITY

**This pair on patrol are the 'eyes and ears' of the police**



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

He keeps extra pens in his dashboard because she often misplaces them, and she keeps him laughing.

Over the course of the past three years, Barb French and Andrew Henneberry have worked closely as partners with the Halifax Regional Police's Citizens on Patrol program.

Despite their age difference (he's 21, she's 61), the pair said they make a great team and learn a lot from their working relationship.

They volunteer on average once or twice a week doing patrols in the policing region known as the east division, which includes the areas of Dartmouth, Woodside and Waverley.

French started volunteering with Citizens on Patrol in 2004, while Henneberry started in 2013.

"We don't want people to know who we are when we're out there, but we do want people to know that we are out there," French said in an interview.

"We're kind of like the invisible Neighbourhood Watch on wheels."

Using one of their own vehicles and armed with a radio,



**Andrew Henneberry, 21 and Barb French, 61**, call themselves an 'invisible Neighbourhood Watch on wheels.' YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

their cellphones, pen and paper, they drive around during their volunteer shifts keeping an eye out for trouble. They monitor hot spots and take direction from police.

"What we typically do varies greatly, but we will often check in with schools, we'll do some bar checks, just sit to look for impaired drivers, things like that," Henneberry said.

"Basically we assist police in any way that we can. If we hear something on the radio that they're looking for a certain vehicle or a certain person,

we'll make a note and keep an eye out."

When asked about what makes volunteering with the Citizens on Patrol program rewarding, Henneberry and French both have stories to share.

"I am really passionate about the issue of impaired driving so anything that I can do to help keep our community safer and get impaired drivers off the road, I will do," Henneberry said.

"In my time with the group I've gotten three impaired drivers off the road and they've all been double the legal limit. Those (are)

instances that I think back on and say 'Wow, I'm really grateful that I joined this group.'"

French has helped locate two missing children over the years, including a teenager this winter and a young boy who wandered off while visiting from Ontario several years ago.

"He just wandered off, and of course his parents were frantic and we just happened to be at the right place at the right time and with the description that we got over the radio, we were able to match the person up," French recalled.

"We just kind of kept a visual on the child until the police came."

The pair are in agreement about many things, including their belief the work they do is both rewarding and important.

French said although they serve as the eyes and ears for the police, they don't get out of their cars or ever put themselves in harm's way.

She and Henneberry both actively encourage other people to become involved.

"If you want to make a difference in the community,

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"Andrew and Barb are able to take the time to remain on patrol in 'hotspots' known to be frequented by drunk drivers. And, importantly for citizens like you and me, they prevent these dangerous drivers from going unobserved and unreported, thereby increasing public safety. Ultimately, successful community policing models rely on these types of civilian and policing partnerships." — Delthia Miller, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police

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this is a great way to do it," French said.

"We have different training courses in first aid, surveillance, you name it. We're well versed in what we're doing."

Henneberry is also a volunteer with the RCMP's Stetsons and Spurs youth program, the RCMP victim services program, and is a volunteer official with Swim Nova Scotia.

French currently volunteers exclusively with Citizens on Patrol but in the past devoted many years to the IWK children's hospital and the Salvation Army's kettle campaign.



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## POLICE

## Store fire suspected to be arson



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax Regional Police are investigating suspected arson in a Dartmouth variety store fire.

At around 11:10 p.m., officers responded to the scene of a blaze at the store at 21 Gaston Rd. to assist Halifax Fire.

Police say the west side of the building was on fire. The lone occupant escaped. The fire is believed to be an arson and the investigation is ongoing.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact them or Crime Stoppers.

## IMPAIRED DRIVING

## Golf cart joy ride leads to man's arrest

RCMP have charged a Nova Scotia man for impaired driving while operating a golf cart.

Just before 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, RCMP Traffic Services was finishing up a traffic stop on Highway 103 near Pubnico, according to a release, when an officer noticed a golf cart driving illegally on the road.

The officer stopped the golf cart and noticed signs that the driver was allegedly impaired.

The golf cart was towed, and the driver taken to a nearby detachment for testing.

Police said the 47-year-old man from Upper Woods Harbour is facing charges of impaired driving and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content over the legal limit.

He will appear in Yarmouth provincial court on Aug. 15.

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Samba Nova performs at the foot of Portland Street during this year's instalment in downtown Dartmouth on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Switch Open Streets calls on city for more support

## CULTURE

## Event a big hit, but organizers say costs limit its frequency



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Thousands of people hit the streets of downtown Dartmouth on Sunday for the fifth Switch Open Streets event to

hit that side of the harbour in four years.

But that frequency isn't enough for the organizers of the event, and they'd like to see the municipality help out.

"Our end game is to see a Switch event much more frequently and with the hope of doing it every Sunday," said Eliza Jackson, director of operations for the Planning and Design Centre, which puts on the Switch events.

Jackson said the events are modelled off of weekly ones in Bogota, Colombia, called Coclavia.

"Switch, basically, is about closing down the street to cars but really opening it up for people to explore in whatever way they choose whether that's by bike, on foot, on a wheelchair, by roller blades, on a skateboard — whichever way that isn't, essentially, a car," she said.

"The goal behind it is to get people out and moving and exploring their community in a new way, and exploring their streets in a new way, but also connecting with each other and different organizations and businesses in their community."

This year's event saw two kilometres worth of road in Dartmouth closed to cars and opened to everything else. Businesses poured into the streets and the sound of music and smell of barbecue filled the air. Jackson estimated between 5,000 and 6,000 people took in the event.

Unfortunately, the high cost of the events is a barrier to having them more frequently. This weekend's Switch cost the group \$12,000 for street closures and police presence.

Jackson said the municipality could be of real help by



**The goal behind it is to get people out and moving.**

Eliza Jackson

changing some legislation, but also by changing its role. "It would be really great if HRM could take Switch on kind of as their own event, and have that as something that happens much more frequently as something they're supporting," she said.

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# Windsor back to port

NAVY

## Mechanical problem was detected during training

One of Canada's submarines is returning to port due to a

mechanical problem with one of its diesel engines.

The navy says HMCS Windsor was training off the East Coast on Friday when the problem was detected.

The sub has backup systems, but the navy says it decided it would be prudent to return to Halifax, where

a thorough inspection could be done.

It's been a busy year for the Windsor.

The navy says the sub has been at sea for 200 days over the past year conducting a variety of duties.

The Windsor is one of four submarines that Canada

bought from Britain in the late 1990s, but the vessels have been plagued with various mechanical problems.

A fire on board Windsor's sister HMCS Chicoutimi in 2004 killed one crew member and all four subs have spent lengthy periods in dry dock.

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CROWES MILLS

## Dirtbike driver dies

The driver of a dirtbike is dead following a collision with a truck on a rural Nova Scotia road.

RCMP in Colchester County say just after 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the community of Crowes Mills, a truck attempted to legally pass the vehicle in front of it, which was turning right, when it hit

a dirt bike coming in the opposite direction.

"The investigation determined the dirtbike did not have headlights on at the time of the collision," a release stated.

A 41-year-old man from Debert, who was driving the dirt bike, died at the scene.

The driver of the truck wasn't injured. METRO

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Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau jokes on stage.



Tom Mulcair literally dropped the mic. Literally.

POLITICAL COMEDY

## Leaders crack wise at dinner

Federal party leaders put down their swords to celebrate those who wield the pens and microphones Saturday night.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, interim Opposition Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair all spoke at a dinner honouring 150 years of the parliamentary press gallery.

None missed an opportunity for digs at themselves, each other and the reporters they gathered to celebrate.

And neither did Trudeau's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau.

In reference to recent coverage that she needs more staff, she called four members of Trudeau's inner circle to the stage at the Museum of History and had them unveil a yoga mat.

She then balanced herself on her arms, legs up in the air, telling her husband that was how it was done — a dig at a photo of

**I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies.** Justin Trudeau, on Barack Obama

him doing a similar move that's been widely circulated online.

Justin Trudeau also poked fun at another political counterpart — U.S. President Barack Obama.

At the recent White House Correspondents Dinner, Obama had cracked a joke at Trudeau's expense. Trudeau's response: He'll miss him.

"There's been a lot of talk about my bromance with President Barack Obama, how I look up to him, how I have so much to learn from him. And I'm like, Barack, you are absolutely right. Thank you for pointing it out, again."

"I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies."

Another leader whose departure was noted: former prime minister Stephen Harper.

In offering up suggestions for new slogans for the current Conservatives, Ambrose suggested "the bad man is gone."

On his way out — and choosing to hold nothing back — was Mulcair, who declared he was different than the others because he no longer cares.

After a speech laden with hits at pollsters, various media outlets and himself, he drew to a close.

"I have a lot more here but I was just informed in Edmonton that I have to go," he said.

He then dropped a microphone on the stage and declared "Mulcair out." THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Votes gathered on assisted dying

POLITICS

## PM lets caucus follow their conscience on controversy

Doug Eyolfson did not love the physician-assisted dying bill at first, but he ended up supporting it.

The Winnipeg emergency room doctor and Liberal MP was concerned the Trudeau government's proposed legislation would not allow patients to decide in advance they would like to end their lives with the help of a physician once they reached a certain point.

"It's something that I would personally want for myself and something I would like to see, at some point, provided to patients as an option," Eyolfson said.

The deeply personal played a major role in the decisions of individual Liberals when it came to their votes on Bill C-14, the federal government's response

to the Supreme Court ruling that did away with the ban on physician-assisted suicide.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kept his promise to give his caucus a free vote on this matter of conscience, while ensuring his Liberal government avoided embarrassment on a major piece of legislation which could end up being a part of its legacy.

The political victory could be short-lived, as C-14 is getting a serious grilling in the far-less-predictable Senate, but the moves to quell opposition debate in the House of Commons and the lengthy discussions with caucus offer a glimpse at how the government will handle other thorny issues it will face during its mandate.

A senior government source acknowledged that the key was to help those in caucus who felt the bill did not go far enough to understand that the cabinet took a cautious approach, because it would be easier to expand a program later than to restrict one that was seen to have gone too far.

### + CHIEF WHIP

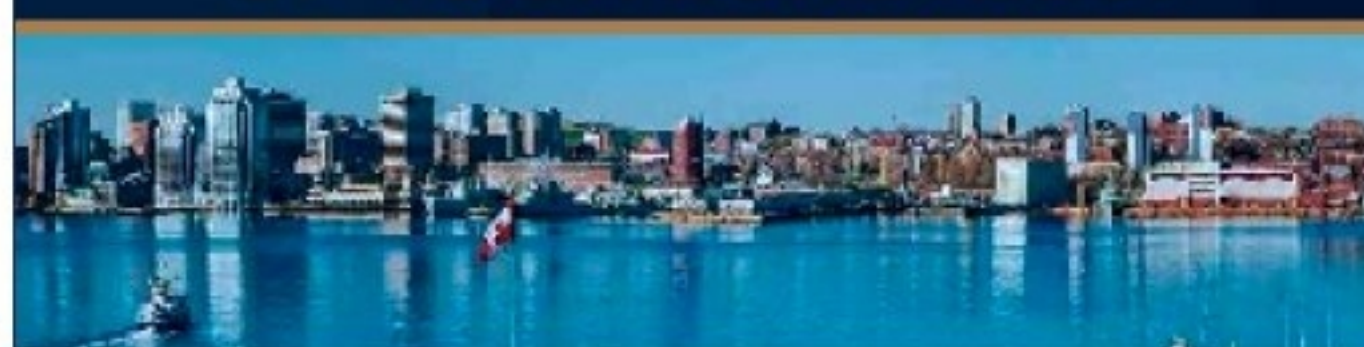
Andrew Leslie, the chief government whip, said not only did he have to keep track of whether Liberal MPs were close enough to make it to the House of Commons for a vote on short notice, he also had to gauge how they were feeling and thinking on any given day, never certain until each MP voted.

There were late-night information sessions, one-on-one conversations with Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould or Health Minister Jane Philpott and telephone calls to those sitting on the fence or showing signs of shifting sides.

Eyolfson said it was Philpott who personally made the case to him why the government chose to keep the question of advance requests out of the bill, even though it meant ignoring a major recommendation.

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# Daesh stronghold secured

## MIDDLE EAST

## Extremists losing grasp in Iraq, Syria

Iraqi forces secured the southern edge of Daesh's stronghold of Fallujah on Sunday, two weeks after the launch of an operation to recapture the city, the Iraqi special forces commander overseeing the operation said.

Iraqi special forces, also known as its counterterrorism forces, have secured the largely agricultural southern neighbourhood of Naymiyah under cover of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, Lt. Gen. Abdel Wahab al-Saadi said. Special forces are now poised to enter the main city, al-Saadi said.

The Fallujah operation coincides with a twin offensive on Daesh-strongholds in neighbouring Syria. Syrian Kurdish forces are advancing on Manbij, a Daesh-held city controlling the supply route between the Turkish border and the town of Raqqa, the militants' de facto capital. At the same time, Syrian government troops are advancing on Raqqa from the south.



**Abdul Rahman Ismail**, an Iraqi soldier who has been targeted by Daesh extremists who destroyed his house two years ago, is reunited with his family after they fled their town, as displaced Iraqi families gather outside a military camp outside Fallujah. KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The slow-moving Iraqi operation was announced in May. An array of troops including Iraqi military divisions, the federal police and the largely Shiite militia groups, known as the Popular Mobilization Forces, had cleared Daesh from the majority of Fallujah's suburbs.

On Monday, Iraq's elite special forces began pushing into the city centre, but they have faced stiff resistance as Fallujah has been under Daesh control for more than two years, and the militants have been able to erect complex defences.

Tall dirt berms dot the dusty fields to the city's south. A single column of counterterrorism Humvees snaked up toward a row of low lying houses that mark the beginning of the main city.

"VIBED! VIBED!" shouted an Iraqi air commander from a small mobile base. Using an acronym for a car bomb, the Iraqi special forces officer called

to Australian coalition forces over a hand-held radio. Moments later, a plume of white, then black smoke appeared on the horizon. Commanders at the scene said the explosion was created by a coalition rocket destroying the incoming car bomb.

## + FATALITY

A top Syrian Kurdish commander died Sunday, several days after sustaining injuries during a U.S.-backed campaign to unseat Daesh from its de facto Syrian capital, Raqqa. Abu Layla, who commanded a brigade inside the predominantly Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces, was hit by Daesh sniper fire near Manbij, a key stronghold that controls the supply route between the Turkish border and Raqqa.

"We are expecting many more," once inside the city's more urban neighbourhoods, al-Saadi said. Fallujah is one of the last strongholds of Daesh in Iraq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## ECONOMY

## Swiss vote no to basic income

Swiss voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have guaranteed everyone in the Alpine nation an unconditional basic income, according to projections published Sunday by public broadcaster SRF1.

The plan could have seen people in this wealthy nation of 8 million people receive about 2,500 Swiss francs (\$2,560) per month — enough to cover their basic needs.

Proponents argued that a basic income would free people from meaningless toil and allow them to pursue more productive or creative goals in life. Critics said the plan would explode the budget and encourage idleness, which appears to have convinced voters.

Based on a partial count of results from 19 Swiss cantons (states), the gfs.bern polling group calculated that 78 per cent of voters opposed the measure against 22 per cent in favour.

The Swiss government advised voters to reject the proposal, but the idea has won over some economists.

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## IN BRIEF

### Fire sets off explosions at Sri Lanka army camp

A fire set off explosions at an army camp near Sri Lanka's capital Sunday evening, killing a soldier and injuring another, officials said. A military spokesman said personnel were putting out the fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Peruvians vote

Peruvians chose between two conservative candidates in a presidential election Sunday, with exit polls suggesting a former World Bank economist would win over the daughter of ex-president Alberto Fujimori. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



5,000 were evacuated from the fire near L.A. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## CALIFORNIA

## Challenges remain in brush fire

Authorities cautiously lifted some evacuation orders, but they warned serious challenges remained Sunday as crews in jagged terrain protected homes and worked to stop the progress of a brush fire that torched the populated hills near Los Angeles. Firefighters took advantage

of cooler temperatures and calmer winds as aircraft made water drops along the eastern and southern edges of the blaze, which was held to just over 500 acres, Los Angeles County Deputy Fire Chief John Tripp said.

He said it was "our No. 1 priority to get those two flanks

contained," adding the fire was hung up on the mid-slope of steep canyons, making a direct attack difficult.

"The fire is on the side of a mountain, it's not on any road, and we are trying to get firefighters up there," Tripp said.

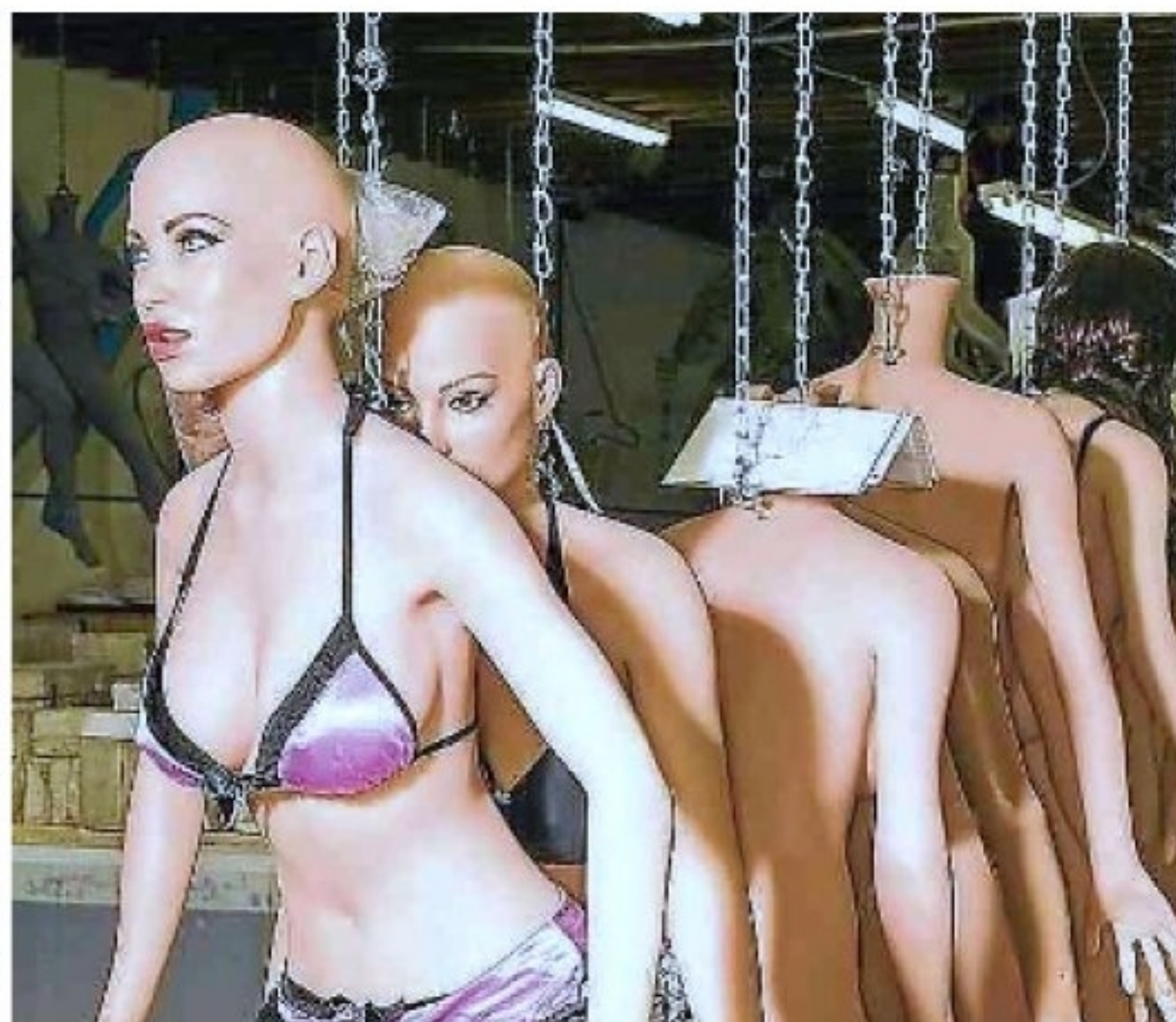
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Inside the Realbotix factory, where some of the world's first sex robots are being developed. ABYSS CREATIONS/PHOENIX STUDIOS VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# EMPLOYMENT

## Drawn to making a difference

As Michelle Reid watches Vancouver house prices soar while preparing for the arrival of her first baby, she sometimes kicks herself for not buying property 10 years ago.

But Reid says she can tough it out financially because she has a job where she's making a difference, which some Vancouver businesses are using to entice workers to the city with a high cost of living.

"There are a couple of things we're going to have to give up, but I don't feel unhappy for it," said Reid.

Reid, 40, works for Mills Office Productivity and oversees the company's environmental and social initiatives. She said she never suspected office supplies would be the path to her passion, adding with a laugh, it's "not the sexiest industry."

Companies will be recruiting at a Vancouver career fair on Thursday called Startup City: Impact. Businesses at the fair want candidates who might otherwise be considering positions in less costly cities, said Keith Ippel, CEO of Spring Activator, which is co-ordinating the fair among a week of business-support events.

Vancouver as an affordable brand has spread across Canada, said Sean Elbe, with the Vancouver Economic Commission. He was at the University of Waterloo in Ontario last week promoting ways for employers to counter recruiting challenges.

"Companies are moving away from simply having a ping pong table and beer Fridays, and really thinking about how they can help their employees make a real impact, not just in their company but in the world," Elbe said.

One company is offering new hires the deposit on a Tesla electric car, he said, while another allows unlimited vacation time.

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# Robot sex, love and ethics

## TECHNOLOGY

### Advancement in robotics raising ethical questions

She's the perfect woman: 34-24-34, compliant and agreeable, an enjoyable conversationalist and lacking any traits that could be considered a flaw — including rejection.

That's because she's a machine.

Robots designed to satisfy sexual desires are close to transcending fantasy to become reality thanks to rapid advancements in artificial intelligence,

computing that allows machines to mimic human affects and high-tech sensors and materials.

The technology has so far yet to cross the "uncanny valley" — the wide gulf from creepy to sexy sparked by almost-but-not-quite real humanoid robots.

They're essentially rubber bodies with motors and some software; more like the love doll Bianca from Lars and The Real Girl than emotionally intelligent gynoid Ava from Ex Machina.

But sex robots are already raising ethical, legal and moral questions of consent, sexism, human biases and what our desire for them says about human psychology.

The debate over them highlights one of the more con-

troversial aspects of the increasingly social nature of our interactions with robots as they move from factories into our homes and someday, our bedrooms.

"How we treat robots — it's a mirror of our own psychology in a way," said Kate Darling, an expert in robot ethics at MIT's Media Lab.

Darling is fascinated by our strange desire to anthropomorphize, or attribute human agency to machines, and engage with them in a social way. She studies human empathy for robots through the lens of violence toward them.

"The interesting thing is not the robots, it's how robots reveal things about our own behaviour

and psychology that we're only just learning — including the question of whether sex robots are going to be a healthy thing or unhealthy thing for people."

Sex robot company True Companion says thousands of people have paid upwards of \$7,000 for pre-orders of Roxxy, "the world's first sex robot," programmed to learn an owner's preferences. However, it remains unclear whether any have actually been produced.

Elsewhere in the race to be first to market, Real Doll is developing Realbotix, a high-end silicone doll with artificial intelligence. It plans to release prototypes this year with sales slated for 2017.

However, there's also an

organized campaign to ban sex robots over a lack of critical examination of questions about the potential harms and inequalities exacerbated by the new sex objects.

Sinziana Gutiu, a lawyer who authored a chapter in Robot Law on ethics and sexbots called The Robotization of Consent believes users could be alienated by rendering them less able to form human relationships and that they could erode the need for consent in male-female sex.

The lack of consent and heightened control in robots is problematic, she said, and could further objectify and dehumanize real women and children.

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## URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



### THE RULES: WEDDINGS

**As the summer-wedding wave prepares to crest, it's time to write down the most important of the many unwritten rules meant to ensure that this sexist, outdated, tacky tradition goes off as well as can be hoped for.**

As June unfolds, and another batch of blushing brides and grooms pursue their hopelessly romantic, and also hopeless, dream of a perfect wedding, herewith are a few guest-etiquette basics. As always, the point is to be considerate, and this goes double for people who are getting married. For the attendees, keep in mind this is the one time normal, well-adjusted people are allowed to play out their dumbest, most outdated, sexist, tasteless, delusional fantasies. So take a deep breath, shut down your judgmental cortex — and let them go nuts.

**Travel and accommodation.** If the ceremony is taking place in the couple's hometown, it's up to you to get yourself there whether you live next door or on another continent. If it's a "destination wedding" set in an exotic location far from anyone's home, and if the couple (or their parents) are filthy rich, you might reasonably expect to be put up at the destination's resort, or ashram or mountain aerie. Alas, it's more common these days for guests to pay their own way, so if you can't afford it, do not feel obliged to go. Whether you want to honestly state your reasons or concoct a tactful (i.e., believable) excuse is up to you. And, though you may resent their de facto exclusion of less wealthy guests such as yourself, proper etiquette dictates you must still send a gift.

**What to wear.** If the bride is wearing virginal white, and you want to appear even more virginal, by all means show up in a long white gown. But

**As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings.**

it's more considerate to let her have her day, however false the advertising might be. If you wear a fancy dress, and you want to be extra considerate, find out what colour the bridesmaids are wearing so you can avoid that hue, too. If you're at all confused about the dress code, or your hosts are from a vastly different culture than your own, simply ask ahead of time what kind of attire is appropriate. Otherwise, a simple dress, summer suit or crisp shirt should be fine.

**Speeches.** If you're giving a speech, try not to be too drunk. And please do not tell "amusing" stories about the bride or groom's sexual history. Or anyone else's for that matter. If you're being subjected to endless speeches, drink up and shut up. Heck-

ling is strictly verboten at weddings, no matter how boring or offensive the speechifiers may be.

**Sit where you're told.** Studies (mine) show that 47 per cent of wedding guests are dissatisfied with where they're sitting. In 99 per cent of cases, however, the seating plan is created without any conscious agenda to insult you personally. Unless you're eating off a crate in the kitchen with the household pets, suck it up.

**Gifts.** The basic rule is that you have up to a year to produce a gift — which is handy if you're certain the couple won't last that long. As for money versus actually bought-and-wrapped presents, see the advice at the top: It's their rodeo, their rules — just go with it.

**Food.** A vegetarian option is

pretty much de rigueur these days. But if you're vegan with gluten allergies or any other moral or gut-related sensitivities, you might want to discreetly smuggle in your own seaweed rollups or whatever you eat to stay alive.

**Illicit sex.** As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings, usually with the wrong people, which can lead to mixing with murderers (The Godfather) or yet more marriage (Wedding Crashers). Note that this behaviour is not mandatory — unless you're a bridesmaid (kidding!). Just a little outdated, sexist, tasteless humour to get you in the mood for your next nuptial event.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

### Staying in touch after your friends move to Planet Baby

More than ever before, friends are people in far-away places.

Not exclusively, maybe not even perpetually (the older I get, the more stories I hear of people moving "home," as if to underline that building a life on your own can eventually strain).

Some of my beloved friends remain overseas, or over the Rockies. And yet I've never felt so distant as when they become pregnant.

Single or married women of my ilk carry on much the same, no matter where we live. We work, we date, we run marathons or join road-bike racing teams, we move for a new job or get married. We inch forward in our careers or start new ones, go on holidays — even buy a home.

That — affording a house — is treated like a miracle, but of course it has nothing on creating a life. And as a never-pregnant, never-nursing, never-rearing woman, I simply can't relate.

One pregnant friend living in Geneva, weeks from her due date, props her body sideways on Skype to show me her belly — stretched and round, the only visual cue I've had to all that is about to change her life, and has already changed her body.

Another friend in B.C. is unexpectedly pregnant — carrying a child who'll be among the first cohort

of failed-app babies, born of the dubious claim that there's an app even for birth control. Already, she's undergone a kaleidoscope of emotions for which I have no reference, along with physical changes: the nausea, fatigue, tenderness. Both friends will give birth and become mothers, and I will be cheering them on without any sense of the right words to say.

The worst part isn't wanting to relate, though, it's wanting to be useful. To babysit so your friend can grab a shower or something similarly self-indulgent. To swing by for a chat so they don't feel isolated. To experience a bit of their life, so they don't have to explain everything.

I have a niece and nephew in another city, so I already know the pain of missing out on a childhood. But my brother is older, and I almost expect him to chart territory I haven't yet, to be in a way unrelatable because he's up ahead.

Friendships, on the other hand, are in part built on sharing key life moments. It's never a perfect, parallel trajectory, but it's often close enough. Not so, anymore. Not now.

There's no solution to all this. The pain of distance can't always be ameliorated. You can't always be the friend you want to be. That's just the reality of babies in faraway places.

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## Getting girls excited about tech

### EDUCATION

#### Randi Zuckerberg hopes to pique interest with kids' show Dot

**Megan Haynes**  
For Metro Canada



It's no secret that there aren't a lot of women participating in the science, tech, engineering and math (STEM) trades. But a new series on CBC set to air this fall hopes to encourage more girls to take an interest.

Based on the book by Randi Zuckerberg, *Dot* follows the adventures of the eponymous character, a little girl obsessed with technology.

Zuckerberg comes by her love of tech honestly: she was an early employee at Facebook (yes, she's Mark's sister), before founding her own marketing and media firm (she also did a quick detour to Broadway). We caught up with her to chat about what's keeping women out of STEM, and how a kids' show can help change that.

**There seems to be a lot of vitriol targeted against women online, especially those who are vocal or active in the STEM space — what do you believe drives that negativity?**

I think anytime you have only a few people in a space, they have giant bullseyes on

them. So one thing we can do is up the numbers of women who are in tech to diffuse the focus away from the small number of women that are very prominent.

**Do you think digital bullying has stymied female participation in the STEM field?**

Digital bullying has had a huge impact, which is why I've spoken out against anonymity online. Now, of course there are always situations where people have to be anonymous online. But I think generally people who hide behind anonymity say cruel and terrible things that they would never say if they looked someone in the eye or if they had their real name or image attached to it.

We need to start encouraging more sites to (use) real-name identity. All the studies show people behave better when they're accountable for what they say.

**The Prime Minister's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau said she needed more help as a mother and a public figure — and there was a lot of anger directed at her. When it comes to the tech space, do women get punished when they ask for help?**

Well bravo to her! Nobody does anything in this world without a lot of help. Not CEOs or parents. There is a double edge sword: there's a lot of pressure on women to be the perfect mom, and great at business. But we

need more women out there who are saying "I want to do it all, and I need help to do it all."

**Taking you back to *Dot*, how will a children's show help change the conversation?**

A lot of studies I've read show that by age seven or eight we start to lose girls in STEM fields. At that point, they've learned society says girls don't go into those fields. That boys have years of experience building things.

Media and pop culture play a very powerful role in changing the conversation. It starts with getting young girls excited and interested in tech and not losing them to another direction. In the series, there's a lot of powerful women. *Dot* is this funky, energetic, crazy entrepreneurial spirit. Her mom is an entrepreneur who is teaching *Dot* to use a 3D printer. Her mom is really techy, and you see her involved with *Dot*, but also with her own business.

Going off the screen, one of the things that drew me to this project is how many women are involved in the making of this series: On the Jim Henson team, the whole project is led by women. At (Toronto-based animation studio) Industrial Brothers, I was blown away by how many directors of animation are women. I think we're walking the walk both on screen and off screen.



Randi Zuckerberg wants to change the conversation when it comes to girls and technology.

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# Money management should involve everyone

## HOUSEHOLD

**It may be easy for one person to handle the budget, but...**

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If you're the only person in your house responsible for maintaining the family budget and managing the money, you're not doing yourself or your partner any favours.

Yes, being in control feels good. Yes, knowing that things will get done when they are supposed to makes it easier to sleep at night.

But... What if you got sick and couldn't manage the money anymore? What if you died?

Would that be the best time for your mate to be learning everything you did and how it has to be done?



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Create a list of what's what and where it is so that there is a road map your honey can follow. There's a good chance that you're counting on your awe-

some memory for a lot of what you do. Putting it on paper will help you to identify where there may be steps you may have overlooked describing.

Just knowing where everything is won't help a bit if your partner doesn't have access, so make sure he knows what the passwords on accounts are.

If you've been paying all the

bills through your personal account, this is a good time to set up a joint account to which you both have access for household bill payments so you can share a password.

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## NEW BOOK

# How Not Buying It will help your kids

From educational toys to bigger houses, sports to private school, parents are spending money on all the wrong things, says economist and journalist Brett Graff. Graff makes this case in her new book *Not Buying It: Stop Overspending and Start Raising Happier, Healthier, More Successful Kids*, which points out that less is more in almost every area.

## What inspired you to write the book?

We're spending out of fear and competition. We're terrified that if we say no to a particular expense, that we're saying no to education and no to safety. Economists assume that we're rational shoppers, but that is not the case, particularly if we happen to be parents.

## How so?

For example, there are no (U.S.) federal guidelines for stamping the word "education" on a toy box. Expensive toys promote instant gratification and anything with a screen for babies under two promotes lan-

guage delays and sleep disturbances. What the American Academy of Pediatrics says is kids who are left alone as early as four months old become problem solvers and creative thinkers. Researchers found that kids who play with blocks later scored better on tests for counting, measurement and judgment, and they scored better on math operations. Blocks cost \$13.

## How does competition between the parents factor in here?

While we're spending this money to make our kids dumber, we feel very superior while we're doing it. "No, no, I don't have time today to go to the park — we have to go to Kumon class." Doctors have stood up in front of Congress and testified about our children's right to play. Play improves cognitive development, it fosters creativity, it helps with children's social skills, which improve the brain's executive function.

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"We are a completely different concept in fitness," said Lori MacKenzie, who owns the club with partner Chris Harker. The local entrepreneurs are super excited about the concept and plan on franchising it too. "We're definitely not your father's gym."

Classes are lead by professional trainers and include cardio, strength and warm-up/cool-down segments. Different equipment is utilized, including treadmills, bikes and rowers. The 45-minute class starts at a moderate pace, then builds up to the 'hard' zone and stays there for a certain amount of time. 'Hard' is the optimal level for everyone in terms of results.

Go Hard classes aim to benefit people of varying ages, fitness levels and goals by letting them adapt the workout to their own



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level. If you want to lose weight, for example, your target heart rate will be different from someone who is training for a Spartan event.

"You're walking, they're sprinting — but you're both working in your own target zones."

The club is currently starting with basic classes; specialized classes such as 'Fit After 50' and 'Spartan Races' will be added to the schedule soon.

For information about membership and easy online class registration, visit [gohard.ca](http://gohard.ca).



# BIKE WEEK

## Making the city an active transportation leader

Halifax is home to a number of great active transportation (AT) advocacy groups. These groups help keep AT issues in the public eye. For the Halifax Cycling Coalition, it has one key goal.

"Our main goal is to create a basic grid of protected bike lanes in the regional centre," said executive director Kelsey Lane.

There are two parts to creating this fully connected grid, one of which is to increase the number of protected bike lanes in the city. Protected bike lanes offer barriers that physically separate cyclists from vehicles and the city currently has one for a 300-metre stretch of roadway on Rainnie Drive.



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Lane says research has found that protected bike lanes make bicycling a more appealing option for more people because they are less stressful than riding in mixed traffic on busy streets.

The Halifax Cycling Coalition has a goal of having the city build 100 kilometres of protected bike lanes in the regional centre

(peninsular Halifax and the core of Dartmouth) by 2020.

The second element of making a fully connected bicycling network is to improve the access points for people on bicycles to the Macdonald Bridge bikeway. At present, the access points on both sides of the harbour are hard to find and involve mixing with heavy

traffic, which deters many people from using this important connection.

Another local active transportation advocacy group in the city is Walk and Roll Halifax, a group that formed a little over a year ago and represents the interests of pedestrians.

One of the group's concerns deals with construction mitigation and ensuring adequate pedestrian access around sites for people of all abilities.

With a downtown that is seeing unprecedented construction levels, disruptions from construction have become a pressing issue.

"You shouldn't have to cross the street to go around a site," said Bill Campbell, the group's president.

The city will soon be releasing guidelines for construction mitigation. Campbell sees this as a great opportunity to establish a high bar for what developers must do.

"That's a place for the municipality to come in and regulate and say, 'Here, everyone's going to do it at a high standard,'" he said.

Overall, Campbell describes Halifax as pedestrian friendly, but points to construction mitigation as an area needing improvement, as well as collisions between pedestrians and motorists at crosswalks.



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## BIKING TO WORK 'BETTER THAN COFFEE'

When Cate Willett started biking to and from work last September, it had some unexpected benefits.

"I love it. I find I'm way more alert during the day. It's better than coffee," she says.

Willett is a teacher at Fairview Heights Elementary and commutes a total of about 11 kilometres each day on her bike from her home in north-end Halifax.

A friend showed her a way of getting from the north end to Fairview on a route that largely avoids Bayers Road and makes use of nearby, quieter streets. Willett says she passes by the homes of students on her way to the school, which has helped forge a bond between them.

"They're excited their teacher bikes to school," she said, noting many of the students will tell her that they saw her and

whether they biked to school.

Willett's bike use has expanded in other ways. She says she now bikes to the grocery store and all over town because everything seems so much more accessible.

Interestingly, her bike riding has left a strong impression on her son.

"My son is four, so he's wanting to ride his bike and he talks about how he wants to go fast like Mommy," she said.



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## First protected bike lane on Rainnie Drive

Last fall, Halifax got its first protected bike lane, which offers a barrier to separate cyclists from vehicles.

From left to right, the 300-metre lane on Rainnie Drive features a parking lane, a lane for vehicles heading into the downtown, another row of parking and then a painted buffer with plastic posts beyond, which there is a two-way bike lane.

"The parked cars protect people from moving traffic and the buffer is intended as a space for opening car doors," said Hanita Koblents,

with the city's urban design department.

While the lane has proved a hit with cyclists, there have been some challenges with drivers parking in the buffer area. Because they get tickets for doing so, Koblents wants to get the word out that this isn't the way to do it.

The Rainnie Drive protected bike lane is a pilot project and a study is currently underway exploring options for extending it down to Brunswick Street and ultimately to Spring Garden Road, across from Dalhousie and the Halifax Central Library.

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# Street bikeways to make cycling in the city easier

Halifax's active transportation (AT) plan calls for the development of more local street bikeways, which are roads that run parallel to major streets, but feature less overall traffic, as well as traffic that travels at lower speeds.

The targeted streets should be relatively long and provide access to important destinations, like schools and hospitals.

"In particular, we pay attention to where those local streets cross busier streets to make sure that it's convenient and comfortable for people," said David MacIsaac, the city's active transportation supervisor.

Also known as bicycle boulevards, these facilities helped Vancouver and Portland, Oregon become the biking capitals of North America.

The city's AT plan has identified numerous streets that could be converted into local street bikeways. In Dartmouth, more than 10 are named, including Slayter, Shore and Dahlia streets. In Halifax, candidates include Seymour and Vernon streets.

These latter two will make up part of the Windsor - Vernon - Seymour bike route, a planned three-kilometre north-south route that will run from Bayers Road to University Avenue.

Last year, an off-road greenway trail was built behind the former St. Pat's High School

and pavement markings were added at Quin-pool Road, Vernon Street and Quingate Place to reinforce the fact that turning restrictions at that intersection do not apply to people on bicycles. Both of these measures serve to connect this bike route and allow it to act as an alternative to riding on busy Robie Street, which can be uncomfortable for most people.

The AT plan says the city has a goal of implementing 15 kilometres of local street bikeways by 2019 in Halifax and Dartmouth, and also plans on implementing some in communities such as Cole Harbour, Portland Hills and Bedford. MacIsaac says that often when there's talk of improving cycling infrastructure, the discussion involves tradeoffs, such as removal of parking and a reduced number of lanes at intersections.

"With local street bikeways, typically you don't have to look at those tradeoffs," he said.

In cities like Vancouver and Portland, the experience has been that the installation of local street bikeways has helped increase the number of cyclists.

MacIsaac says one of the benefits of local street bikeways is they allow city officials to implement a large number of routes relatively quickly. They also offer safety benefits, such as reduced rates of injuries to cyclists and collisions between motorists and cyclists.



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# Weekend trip to Lunenburg? Take the Rum Runners Trail

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It might surprise people to learn that a cycling trip to Lunenburg from Halifax can be accomplished just by using trails. There are seven trails — beginning with the Chain of Lakes Trail in Halifax and ending with the Bay to Bay Trail in Lunenburg — that join together and make up the trek.

These trails are collectively being branded as the Rum Runners Trail.

Heather Yule, the acting manager of development for Tourism Nova Scotia, says branding them together has the potential to have more of an impact on tourism.

These trails formerly served as railway lines, but have been converted to active transportation use. The trails are flat, thereby making it an easy ride, even for beginner cyclists.

Measuring 119 kilometres in length, the Rum Runners Trail meanders through wooded areas and past lakes, as well as takes people through communities such as St. Margarets Bay, Hubbards, Mahone Bay and Chester.

Yule says these communities offer lots of amenities and services, such as award-winning restaurants, bed and breakfast inns, attractions and museums, so they're great places to stop in along the ride.

The signage along the Rum Runners Trail is expected to be finished this summer and will ensure a seamless experience for cyclists. People who are familiar with bicycle touring will cycle between 60 and 100 kilometres per day, but people just starting out will be surprised how easily they can ride 20 or 30 kilometres at a time (or about one or two hours).

How did the trail get its name?

"We felt that authentic history of rum running in that area of the province played in well and also had that adventure, mystery and intrigue that we were looking for," said Yule.

A website for the Rum Runners Trail has launched, [rumrunnerstrail.ca](http://rumrunnerstrail.ca). The site includes four itineraries for culinary enthusiasts, cultural enthusiasts, outdoor

enthusiasts, as well as a general itinerary.

The site is mobile friendly and when cyclists are on route and go to the website from their mobile devices, it will recognize where they are on the trail and plot their location, allowing them to see where they are on the trail, as well as point them to nearby amenities and services, such as places to stay, restaurants, galleries and shops.

Yule says the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail in Cape Breton offers another great cycling opportunity.

She says the province is currently working on developing another destination trail in the Annapolis Valley to connect Grand Pré with Annapolis Royal.

Nova Scotia lends itself well to having cycling trails.

"The scenic beauty and the coastal experiences are what visitors are looking for when they come to Nova Scotia, in addition to these great, culinary opportunities," said Yule.

## 4th annual Mayor's Ride. A success

The annual Mayor's Bike Ride recently rolled through Halifax.

This was the fourth year for the event, which consisted of a five-kilometre bike ride on the Chain of Lakes Trail, beginning at Joseph Howe Drive.

The ride has been featuring good bike routes in different parts of the municipality every year. Last year's ride featured the Mainland Linear Trail and the year before that it was held in Dartmouth.

Besides Mayor Mike Savage, many other city councillors, MLAs and MPs came along for the ride.

"I think the great thing about the Mayor's Ride is it's

an opportunity to bring people in the community together to do something that is really fun and shows leadership about cycling and how much potential there is," said the Ecology Action Centre's Julian West.

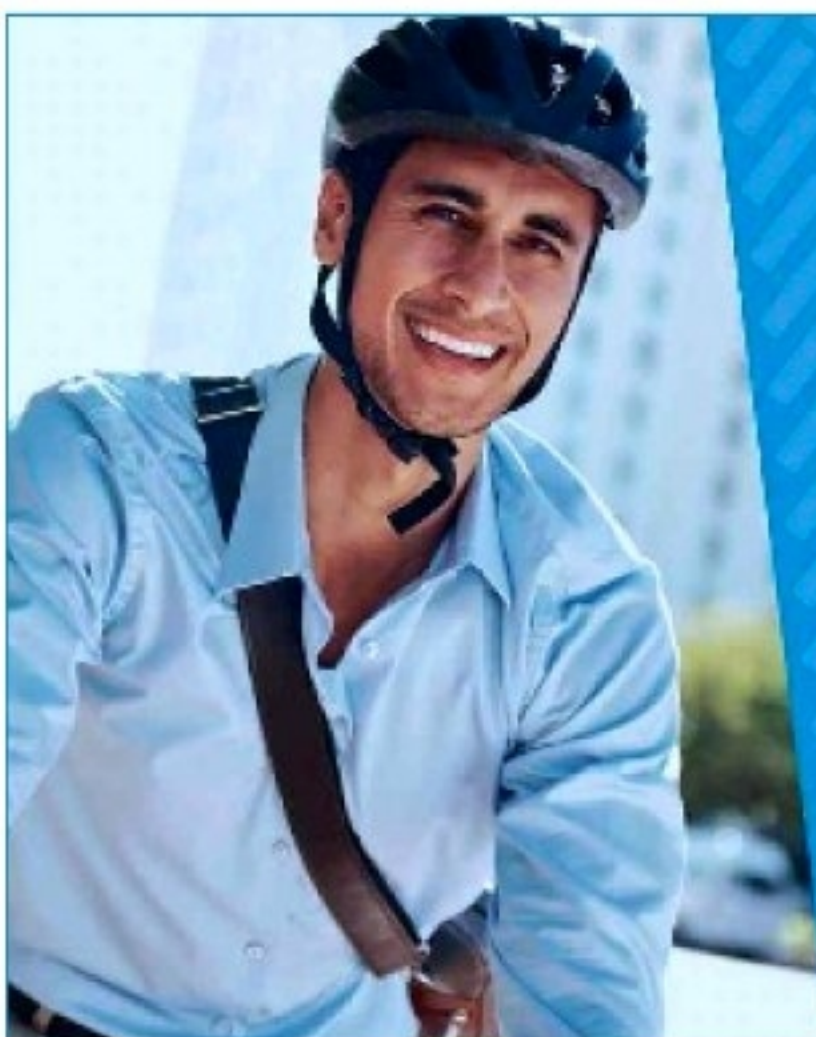
The Mayor's Bike Ride was held on Wed, May 25.



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# Visionary projects are becoming a reality

Some big projects are planned that will help transform cycling infrastructure in Halifax. Arguably the biggest one is the Macdonald Bridge bikeway connection project because the bridge's bikeway serves as "the only bicycling connection between the Halifax peninsula and Dartmouth," says a city report.

David MacIsaac, the city's active transportation supervisor, says that since the bikeway was added to the bridge in 1999, it's been a challenge for cyclists on both sides of the harbour to access it.

"The goal of the project is to make it easier for people on bikes to get through those complex intersections on either side of the bridge," he said.

MacIsaac expects to go before council this fall with a preliminary plan that will include options and costing.

In the same area, work will be done to add bicycle lanes to Devonshire Avenue, which runs from Novalea Drive down to Barrington Street. MacIsaac says Devonshire Avenue will be re-paved this summer, so the work will be done then.

"That will eventually provide a really nice, direct route from the north end of the penin-



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sula into the downtown," said MacIsaac.

But where Devonshire Avenue meets Barrington Street, there is a gap in the cycling network as there aren't any bike lanes to get to

the Macdonald Bridge.

It isn't clear yet what will be done to close this gap, but MacIsaac says it's a priority.

In the city's active transportation (AT) plan,

there is also a vision for connecting the Dartmouth Waterfront Greenway Trail northward to the Macdonald Bridge and southward from the Woodside Ferry Terminal to the Shearwater Flyer and Salt Marsh Trail. The gap in this popular waterfront trail between Parker and Tupper streets will be filled this summer.

There is also a vision for improving the connections to the popular Chain of Lakes Trail, which begins on Joseph Howe Drive in Fairview and actually goes for 119 kilometres all the way to Lunenburg. The municipality's AT plan is working on connections to this trail from peninsular Halifax and also to Spryfield via Long Lake Park and aims to have it connected to the Mainland Linear Trail in Clayton Park as well.

Once completed, these projects will help provide a network of low-stress cycling routes that will improve mobility, as well as provide more options for recreation experiences in the city.

MacIsaac says the city would like to hear from people about what they think of the plans.

"We're building a network bit by bit and we're always open to suggestions," he said.



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**IN BRIEF**

**De Jonge places second in tuneup for Olympics**

Halifax's Mark de Jonge finished second in the men's K1 200 metres on Sunday at the final ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup. It was the first K1 200 medal on the three-stop World Cup tour for de Jonge. France's Maxime Beaumont won the race while Alex Scott, of Bedford was ninth.

De Jonge is a two-time world champion and Olympic bronze medallist from the London 2012 Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

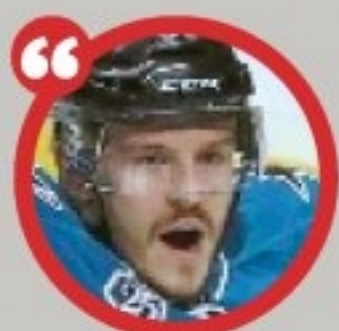
**Estrada flirts with no-no as Blue Jays edge Red Sox**

Marco Estrada took a no-hitter into the eighth inning for the third time in a year before it was broken up by Chris Young's home run with one out, and the Toronto Blue Jays held off the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Sunday.

Jose Bautista opened the game with a home run, the first of four Toronto hit over the Green Monster. Edwin Encarnacion added a two-run shot, and Darwin Barney and Russell Martin each had a solo homer.

Estrada (4-2) walked three, struck out five and was lifted with a 5-1 lead in the ninth.

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**If you play them one way they're smart enough to know that's how you're going to be played so you kind of have mix it up on them.**

Sharks forward Tommy Wingels on containing Sidney Crosby in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final on Saturday night. San Jose won 3-2 in overtime but Pittsburgh leads the series 2-1.

# Herd land 1-2 punch

**QMJHL DRAFT**

## Halifax makes Groulx top pick, trades up to get McIsaac



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
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There was a major moose crossing on the 2016 QMJHL Draft stage Saturday.

The Halifax Mooseheads selected centreman Benoit-Olivier Groulx of Gatineau, Que., first overall, marking a big long-awaited moment for local hockey fans — or at least since their home team acquired the top draft selection in the April lottery.

"When I was in the rink before the draft, I was like 'Oh my God, if Halifax picks me, that would be an awesome moment for me and my family,'" the six-foot-one, 176-pound Groulx said during a media scrum between the first and second rounds at the Eastlink Centre.

"We always want(ed) ... since the beginning, to be in an English market (and) that's what we received, so we're really happy," Groulx told reporters, switching back and forth between his native French and English as he was peppered with questions.

"I'm really proud I went first overall in the QMJHL, but I think I have a lot of work to do during the summer, to be prepared for the upcoming season."

And then, in a move that shocked the draft floor in Charlottetown, and much to the delight of those same fans, the Mooseheads picked Dartmouth defenceman Jared McIsaac second overall.

McIsaac expressed relief after



**Benoit-Olivier Groulx, right, and Jared McIsaac were drafted first and second overall, respectively.** JASON MALLOY/THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

being passed over for the top pick, but then surprisingly being selected by this hometown Herd second overall.

"Obviously, I wanted to go to my hometown," the six-foot-two, 209-pound Truro native said.

"I have no words to describe it. It's truly amazing."

But making the top two selections all green and red meant a major trade.

The Mooseheads had to give up the seventh, 16th and 24th overall picks this year, as well as their top selection next year, to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies, who originally held that second spot this year.

Prior to the draft, hockey fans debated whether it would be

Groulx or McIsaac, both 16, selected first overall by Halifax.

Groulx, ranked No. 1 by QMJHL Central Scouting, is a product of the L'Intrepide de Gatineau, while McIsaac, who came in at No. 2, played for the Cole Harbour Wolfpack.

"When Halifax (said) my name on the stage, I was really happy," Groulx said. "My father was (real-

ly) crying; my mother, too."

"It's a very humbling feeling," McIsaac added. "We're both itching to get started in August."

Left-winger Gabriel Fortier, the younger brother of Mooseheads forward Max Fortier, was selected fourth overall by the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, by way of a trade for the pick with the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

The Mooseheads also started off the second round, selecting goaltender Alexis Gravel of Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Que., 20th overall. Gravel most recently manned the posts for the Mississauga Senators.

The Herd next selected centreman Raphael Lavoie of Chambly, Que., 29th overall.

**29**

**The number of Nova Scotians selected in the draft. That's the most since the 2005 draft.**

**+ DRAFT-DAY DEAL**

**Mooseheads acquire Antigonish native**

The Herd have added a new major junior veteran to their lineup.

The Mooseheads announced late at



**Bradley Kennedy**  
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Saturday's draft that they traded their sixth- and ninth-round picks, as well as their fourth-round selection next year, in order

to acquire 20-year-old Bradley Kennedy from the Charlottetown Islanders.

Kennedy, an Antigonish native, scored 25 goals and added 31 assists in 64 games during this past regular season.

**Additional Herd picks**

**Round 3** — RW Frederik Theoret, St-Constant, Que. (39th overall).

**Round 4** — D Peter Dilibatore, Bedford (57).

**Round 5** — LW Jordan McKenna, Dartmouth (75).

**Round 7** — C Jake Wise, North Andover, Mass. (111).

**Round 8** — LW Brandon Stone, Fredericton (113); G Cole McLaren, Annapolis Royal (129).

**Round 10** — D Jack Rathbone, West Roxbury (165).

**Round 11** — D William Smith, L'Assomption, Que. (183).

**Round 12** — D Brian Scoville, Agawam, Mass. (201).

**Round 13** — RW Ian MacPhee, Timberlea (291).

**Round 14** — D Cedric Matte, Waterville, Que. (237).

**NBL CANADA**

## Canes tie up championship series with Game 2 win

The Halifax Hurricanes have picked up speed in this year's NBL Canada championship series.

The Canes defeated the London Lightning 133-119 on Friday night, evening up the best-of-seven series at 1-1 in what was the second fast-paced game in as many days at the Scotiabank

Centre.

The London Lightning snagged the Game 1 win 115-105 on Thursday evening, setting the pace for an exciting final series between the top two teams in the league.

On Friday, guard Joel Friesen led the Canes with 28 points,

adding five rebounds, while power forward Kyle Hunt put up 23 points and pulled down four rebounds. Guard Cliff Clinkscales notched 14 points and added nine assists.

For the Lightning, forward Garrett Williamson led the way with 23 points and pulled down

four rebounds, while guard Scott Akeem scored 20 points, snagged three rebounds and had six assists.

The Hurricanes held a narrow lead through all four quarters, with the 36-35 edge after the first quarter, and the 66-63 advantage at halftime. The

Hurricanes also won both the third and fourth quarters, 33-30 and a strong 34-26, respectively, en route to victory.

The Hurricanes head to London for Games 3, 4 and 5, with the last two games back in Halifax, if required.

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**UFC BRILLIANT BISPING TAKES TITLE WITH 1ST-ROUND KO**  
 Briton Michael Bisping won the UFC middleweight championship with a stunning first-round knockout of Luke Rockhold on Saturday night at UFC 199. Dominick Cruz also defended his UFC bantamweight title Saturday with a unanimous decision victory over rival Urijah Faber. JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA/GETTY IMAGES

## OLYMPICS 2016

## Canada's volleyball men end 25-year wait

After nearly a quarter century of waiting, Canada's men's volleyball team has qualified for the Summer Olympics.

Canada beat China in five sets on Sunday to get within sight of its first Olympic berth since 1992 in Barcelona, but had to wait a few more hours for Poland to knock off Australia in straight sets to start celebrating.

"It feels like joy," said libero

Dan Lewis, who at 40 is the oldest member of the team.

The Canadians won their match against China 25-16, 20-25, 24-26, 25-20, 15-9 at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium. However, they needed Poland, which had qualified earlier in the tournament, to beat Australia to earn their ticket to this summer's Rio Games.

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### IN BRIEF

#### De Grasse's Diamond win

Canada's Andre De Grasse won the men's 200-metres on Sunday at the Diamond League event in sunny Birmingham, England.

The 21-year-old from

Markham, Ont., finished in 20.16 seconds — his best time of the season — edging Alonso Edward from Panama (20.17) and Sean McLean of the U.S (20.24). THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Djokovic captures elusive French title

## TENNIS

## Beating Murray means Serb now holds all Grand Slam titles

A French Open champion at long last, and the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major championships, Novak Djokovic grabbed a racket and etched a heart in the very red clay that had given him such heartache in the past.

Then, when he finally was handed the La Coupe des Mousquetaires — the one trophy he truly yearned for, the one he needed to complete a career Grand Slam — Djokovic held it overhead, his eyes shut, before kissing it, exhaling and smiling broadly.

In his 12th appearance at Roland Garros, and fourth final, the top-seeded Djokovic earned that elusive title with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 victory over No. 2 Andy Murray on Sunday, buoyed by a supportive crowd that repeatedly chanted his nickname, "No-le!"

"It's really a very special moment," Djokovic said. "Perhaps the greatest moment of my career." Since losing the 2015 final in Paris, Djokovic has won 28 Grand Slam matches in a row, from Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, to the Australian Open in January, and now, after quite a wait, the French Open.



**Serbia's Novak Djokovic** kisses the trophy following his victory against Briton Andy Murray in the French Open men's singles final at Roland Garros on Sunday. DENNIS GROMBKOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

"This is something that is so rare in tennis," said Murray, who is now 2-8 in Grand Slam finals. "It's going to take a long time for it to happen again."

The last man to hold all four major titles simultaneously was Rod Laver in 1969, when he earned a calendar-year Grand Slam. Djokovic now can set his sights on that ultimate tennis achievement; he's the first man since Jim Courier in 1992 to get halfway.

Djokovic, a 29-year-old from Serbia, owns six titles from the Australian Open, three from

Wimbledon and two from the U.S. Open for a Grand Slam total of 12. Among men, only Roger Federer (with 17), Rafael Nadal (14) and Pete Sampras (14) have more. Djokovic is also one of eight men with at least one championship at each major.

Meanwhile, Garbine Muguruza won her first Grand Slam title by beating defending champion Serena Williams 7-5, 6-4 in the women's final on Saturday, denying the American her record-equaling 22nd major trophy.

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### + CANADA STAR

Canadian tennis phenom Felix Auger-Aliassime was just one point away from his first Grand Slam on Sunday in the French Open boys singles final.

The 15-year-old from Montreal was unable to accomplish the feat, falling 1-6, 6-3, 8-6 to unseeded Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Ingredients

- 1 cup instant polenta
- 4 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup bacon, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 28 oz can of tomatoes
- 1 lb frozen or fresh shrimp, peeled, deveined, washed
- 1 small handful of parsley

## Directions

1. Bring water to boil and slowly pour in polenta. Lower

the heat and keep stirring for 3 to 5 minutes. Then take it off the heat and cover.

2. In a large pot, warm the olive oil then add bacon and garlic. Cook for a few minutes until the bacon gets brown, but not crispy. Add the tomatoes and break them up with the back of a wooden spoon or a potato masher. Simmer for about 10 minutes.

3. Toss the shrimp, with or without tails, into the tomato mixture and stir, cooking about 3 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked.

4. Give your polenta another stir and maybe even add a splash of water to loosen it. Create a nest of polenta and then ladle your sauce-y shrimp on top. Garnish with parsley.

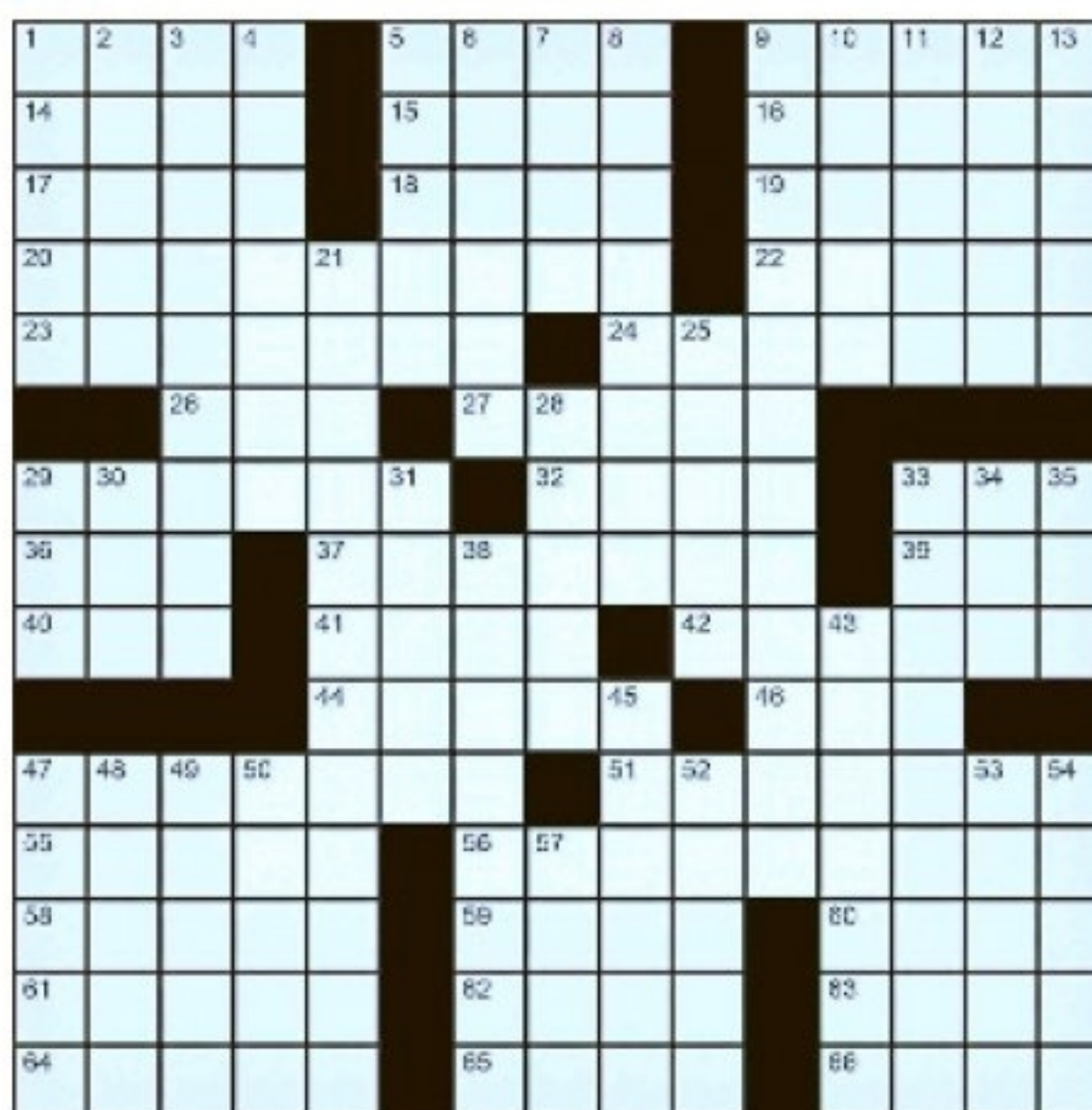
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5. Chicken origins
9. Super fun time
14. "Game of Thrones" actress Ms. Headey
15. Herr's wife
16. Employee's time to eat
17. Good vs. \_
18. Plummet
19. Outkast member, \_ 3000
20. Getting-nearer-to-the-end sports tournament round
22. Toronto's Loma, and others
23. Procrastinated
24. Vexing
26. Coffee alternative
27. Kept
29. Flowers
32. Surrealist painter Salvador
33. 'Client' ending (Patronage)
36. Rowboat paddle
37. 'A Prairie Oasis' town of southwest Saskatchewan
39. Neighbour of Swed.
40. The first American Idol ...her initials-sharers
41. Flippant
42. No sharps/No flats music scale: letter + word
44. 1966: "Walk Away \_" by The Left Banke
46. 'Mountain'-meaning prefix
47. Ignore/send away
51. Wealthy
55. Up to a cer-



tain time  
56. Nut variety  
58. Drop the drink  
59. Finishes a cake  
60. Spin  
61. Wedding gown fabric  
62. Old shipping weight allowance  
63. United, femin-

ine in French  
64. War horse  
65. "Bonanza" son  
66. Vintage muscle cars

## DOWN

1. Sanctify
2. Strengthen, as an embankment
3. Hanna-Barbera, and others
4. Legendary astronomer who lived from 1564 to 1642
5. \_ Trinket, Elizabeth

Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies  
6. Baby \_ (Types of pianos)  
7. Fabulous festivity  
8. "The Miracle Worker" (1962) teacher, Anne \_  
9. A real 'jewel' of a town in Al-

berta: 2 wds.  
10. Belonging to Rome's moon goddess  
11. \_ \_ it goes (There you have it)  
12. Buzz off!  
13. Guess Who's ~ Eyes  
21. Specialty at Canadian fast food chain Harvey's, \_- burgers  
25. Excavation extraction  
28. Sun-dried brick  
29. \_ choy (Leafy vegetable)  
30. 'Lake' in Chicoutimi  
31. Bargains  
33. Fun-ness/delight  
34. British bathroom  
35. Flub  
38. Craftsperson who works with light metals  
43. Carpet store purchase: 2 wds.  
45. Hosts an event  
47. Tidies the coffee table  
48. Opinion  
49. Gateway to swipe a subway pass  
50. \_-feuille (Type of French pastry)  
52. Hops-drying kilns  
53. Farm song letters  
54. Hills and \_  
57. 'Height'-meaning prefix

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of siblings, neighbours and relatives. People will make an effort to engage with each other because everyone feels friendly and warmhearted.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Start this week off with clever moneymaking ideas. Business and commerce are favoured today, so you have the advantage. If shopping, you will love to buy beautiful things.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is a great day to buy wardrobe treasures. Go shopping for something that makes you feel great. You probably will succeed in finding something.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will delight you today. It's a gentle day, if you can get some peace and quiet. We all need time for quiet introspection and self-reflection.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and deal with groups and organizations. You might influence someone who is artistic or creative. Or perhaps someone who is artistic will influence you.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You might develop a crush on your boss or someone in a position of authority today. Certainly, relations with authority figures will be smooth and easy today.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You long to travel for pleasure. If you can get out of town today, do so. At least visit museums, art galleries and places that inspire you.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Keep your pockets open because gifts, goodies and the wealth and assets of others can benefit you. If someone offers you something, just say, "Thank you!"

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is an excellent day to enlist the help of others and to work jointly with a partner or close friend. People feel very warm and loving to each other.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Expect a raise or at least praise at work today, because others are impressed with you. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Romance, love affairs, vacations and playful times are tops on the menu for you today. This is a fun-loving, pleasant day!

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You will enjoy doing something to make your home look more attractive. This is also a good day to explore real estate possibilities.

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